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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT AGREEMENT AND EXFILTRATION ARRESTS

REF: BERLIN 1645

1. IN BRIEFING OF BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 23 ON SENAT EXPERIENCE WITH VISITS ARRANGEMENT, SENAT CHANCELLERY HEAD HERZ SAID THAT UP TO END OF AUGUST ABOUT FIVE MILLION WEST BERLINERS HAD VISITED EAST BERLIN AND GDR. OF THESE, 22 WEST BERLINERS WERE ARRESTED BY GDR (16 FOR EXFILTRATION, AND SIX FOR CURRENCY, TRAFFIC, AND NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS). FROM MAY THROUGH AUGUST 1973, 250,000 WEST BERLINERS APPLIED FOR VISITORS'S VISAS. COMPLAINTS BY WEST BERLINERS ABOUT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AT BORDER CROSSING POINTS OR IN OBTAINING VISAS RANGED FROM 100 TO 400 PER MONTH. SENAT BELIEVED ABOUT 12 PERCENT OF COMPLAINTS WERE LEGITIMATE.

2. HERZ TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE  
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RECENT PUBLICATION BY GDR OF NAMES OF THREE WEST

BERLIN-WEST GERMANS ARRESTED FOR EXFILTRATION ACTIVITIES  
SIGNALLED ESCALATION OF GDR CAMPAIGN AGAINST EXFILTRATION.  
HE NOTED THIS WAS NOT FIRST TIME GDR HAD PUBLISHED NAMES  
AND THAT, ACCORDING TO WEST BERLIN LAWYERS WHO HAVE REPRESENTED  
CLIENTS IN EAST GERMANY, GDR MADE CERTAIN THAT  
IT HAD STRONG CASE BEFORE PUBLISHING NAMES.KLEIN

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